## OXFORD DICTIONARY OF

# BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

**REVISED EDITION** 

Managing Editor Dr A D Smith University College London

General Editors Professor S P Datta University College London

Dr G H Smith University College London

Professor P N Campbell (Chairman) University College London

Dr R Bentley University of Pittsburgh

Dr H A McKenzie Australian Defence Force Ac.

Subject Editors Dr D A Bender University College London

Dr A J Harris University of Queensland

Professor T W Goodwin University of Liverpool

Dr H A McKenzie Australian Defence Force Ac.

Dr J H Parish University of Leeds

Dr C Stanford University College London

**EXHIBIT A** 

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

### **Editors**

#### General Editors

- Dr A. D. Smith (Managing Editor) Emeritus Reader in Biochemistry, and Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Molecular Pathology, University College London Medical School
- Professor S. P. Datta Emeritus Professor of Medical Biochemistry, and Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University College London
- Dr G. Howard Smith Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University College London
- Professor P. N. Campbell Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, and Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University College London
- Professor R. Bentley Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
- Dr H. A. McKenzie Fellow, School of Chemistry, University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy, and Visitor, Molecular Medicine, John Curtin School of Medical Research, The Australian National University, Canberra

#### Subject Editors

- Dr D. A. Bender Senior Lecturer, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University College London
- Dr A. J. Carozzi NH and MRC Research Officer, Centre for Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Queensland
- Professor T. W. Goodwin FRS Emeritus Johnson Professor of Biochemistry, University of Liverpool
- Dr J. H. Parish Senior Lecturer, School of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Leeds
- Dr S. C. Stanford Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, University College London

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Great Clarendon Street, Oxford 0x2 6DP

Oxford University Press is a department of the University of Oxford. It furthers the University's objective of excellence in research, scholarship, and education by publishing worldwide in

Oxford New York

Athens Auckland Bangkok Bogotá Buenos Aires Calcutta
Cape Town Chennai Dares Salaam Delhi Florence Hong Kong Istanbul
Karachi Kuala Lumpur Madrid Melbourne Mexico City Mumbai
Nairobi Paris São Paulo Singapore Taipei Tokyo Toronto Warsaw
with associated companies in Berlin Ibadan

Oxford is a registered trade mark of Oxford University Press in the UK and in certain other countries

Published in the United States by Oxford University Press Inc., New York

© The General Editors, 1997

The authors have asserted their right under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act, 1988, to be identified as authors of this work

First published 1997 Revised edition 2000

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, without the prior permission in writing of Oxford University Press, or as expressly permitted by law, or under terms agreed with the appropriate reprographics rights organization. Enquiries concerning reproduction outside the scope of the above should be sent to the Rights Department, Oxford University Press, at the address above

You must not circulate this book in any other binding or cover and you must impose this same condition on any acquirer

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library

Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data (Data applied for) ISBN 0-19-850673-2

Typeset by Market House Books Ltd, Aylesbury Printed in Great Britain by Butler & Tanner Ltd, Frome No G. int an we Di the ch jec pr me

an

na

ab

ext of was spition bo correction or the terms of to arry

the

tio var bec

#### enantiomorphic

are mirror images of each other and thus are not superposable. 2 either of the two crystalline forms exhibited by a pair of enantiomers. Use of the term to mean enantiomer is depre-

enantiomorphic or enantiomorphous of, or pertaining to, an enantiomorph: pertaining to the phenomenon of, or displaying enantiomorphism. The term is often used synonymously with enantiomeric (enantiomeric molecules frequently form enantiomorphic crystals).

enantiomorphism the phenomenon of being related as between an object and its nonsuperposable mirror image. The term is used especially in relation to enantiomorphic crystals.

enantiomorphous see enantiomorphic.

enantiotopic 1 when chemically-like ligands in constitutionally equivalent locations (generally the two a ligands in Caabe) are related by a centre or plane of symmetry, or by an alternating axis of symmetry (but not by a simple axis of symmetry), they are enantiotopic. The two ligands are in a stereochemically different, mirror-image environment. If each a ligand of Caabe is replaced separately by a different, achiral ligand, d, the products are the two enantiomers of Cabed. Example: the methylene hydrogens of ethanol are enantiotopie; if ethanol is written as a Fischer projection structure with OH at the top. H-C-H in the middle, and CH3 at the bottom, the left-hand hydrogen of the central methylene is H<sub>5</sub>, while that at the right is  $H_R$  (see pro-Ripro-S convention). Replacement of  $H_R$  by  $^2H$  yields (+)-(R)-[1- $^2H_1$ ]ethanol and the same replacement of Hs yields the enantiomer, (-)-(S)-[1-2H1]ethanol. In another important compound, citric acid, the two CH2COOH groups are also enantiotopic. 2 the two faces of a double bond or of a planar cyclic ring system that are related by a symmetry plane but not by a  $C_2$  axis (i.e., a two-fold axis of symmetry) are enantiotopic; the two faces show stereochemically different, mirror-image related environments. Separate addition of the same achiral reagent to the two faces (see ReiSi convention) gives enantiomeric products. Example: the simple addition of HCN to CH3-CHO yields a racemic mixture of the (R) and (S) cyanohydrins, CH3-CH(OH)-CN, with both faces of C=O being involved. The reduction of the C=O bond of CH3-CHO to form ethanol by alcohol dehydrogenase requires addition of a hydride ion from NADH at the C atom and a hydron at the O atom. Thus, reduction of CH3-CHO with NAD<sup>2</sup>H at its A face (see diastereotopic (def. 2)) yields (R)-[1-H<sub>1</sub>]ethanol and reduction of CH<sub>3</sub>-C<sup>2</sup>HO with A-NADH yields (S)-[1-2H1]ethanol. The enzymatic reduction is stereospecific and only one of the enantiotopic faces of C=O is attacked; it is the same one (the Re face) in both of these situations. Compare diastereotopic.

encapsidate to surround (a particle of viral nucleic acid) with

a capsid. —encapsidation n.

encapsis the association of myofibrils into bundles and the further association of these bundles into larger bundles, etc.

encephalin a variant spelling of enkephalin.

encephalitis inflammation of the brain. 3' end the end of a linear polynucleotide strand at which the 3'hydroxyl group of the terminal nucleoside residue is normally not phosphorylated.

5' end the end of a linear polynucleotide strand at which the 5'hydroxyl group of the terminal nucleoside residue is normally

phosphorylated.

WITH ASSESSED THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF

end+ a variant form of endo+ (sometimes before a vowel).

end capping (in chromatography) the blocking of residual silanol groups on the surface of silica where these remain exposed after the bonding of C18 or other alkyl chains to the silica in the formation of reversed-phase stationary phases for column chromatography. For this purpose hydrocarbyl silanes (see silane (def. 3)) having small alkyl (usually methyl) groups are used so that they can penetrate between the main bonded-phase groups.

endemic present in or peculiar to a more or less localized area, e.g. an endemic disease. Compare enzostic.

endergonic describing a process or reaction on which work must be done, i.e. one requiring an energy input, for it to take place. At constant pressure and temperature the free energy content of such a system increases. Compare exergonic. [From endo+ plus Greek ergon, work.]

end group any residue at an extremity of a branched or linear

end-group analysis determination of both the nature and the number of terminal groups in a macromolecule, e.g. in proteins, the N- and C-terminal amino-acid residues: in polynucleotides, the 3'- and 5'-terminal nucleotide residues.

endo+ or (sometimes before a vowel) end+ comb. form meaning within, inner, absorbing, containing, Compare exo+. See also

intra+.

endo- prefix (in chemical nomenclature) denoting insertion (of the additional constituent(s) specified) into the structure of (a named compound); e.g. endo-4a-glycine-[5-leucine]enkephalin: endo-Gly4a-[Leu5]enkephalin: Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Gly-Leu: a synthetic polypeptide in which a glycine residue has been inserted between residues 4 and 5 of [5-leucine]enkephalin.

endo- prefix (in stereochemistry). See conformation.

eridoamylase any amylase that hydrolyses nonterminal glycosidic linkages: it is a subcategory of andoglycosidase.

endocrine 1 describing or relating to any gland or other group of cells that synthesizes hormones and secretes them directly into the blood, lymph, or other intercellular fluid. 2 describing or relating to a secretion of endocrine tissue. 3 a secretory product of endocrine tissue; a hormone. Originally known as internal secretion. Compare execrine.

endocrine gland or ductless gland any of the ductless glandular structures that secrete (one or more) hormones directly

into the bloodstream.

andocrinology the science concerned with the endocrine organs, their products, and the effects of these products. endocrinological adj.

endocytic 1 situated within a living cell but not belonging to the cell itself; intracellular. 2 an alternative term for endo-

cytotic (see endocytosis).

endocytosis the uptake of external materials by cells through the mechanism of phagocytosis or pinocytosis. The term is often used interchangeably with pinocytosis. Compare exacytosis. transcytosis. See also internalize, viropexis. - endocytic or endocytotic adj.; -endocytose vb.

endocytotic vesicle see pinocytotic vesicle.

endodeoxyribonuclease see deoxyribonuclease.

endoenzyme i any intracellular enzyme. Compare ectoenzyme, excenzyme (def. 1). 2 any enzyme that catalyses endohydrolysis. It may be an endoglycosidase, an endonuclesse, or an endopeptidase. Compare excenzyme (def. 2).

endogenous arising or developing within an organism, tissue, or cell, and excluding any consequences of externally added

agents or materials. -endogenously adv.

endoglin a major glycoprotein of vascular endothelium that may be important in the binding of endothelial cells to integrins. It forms a heteromeric complex with the signalling receptors for transforming growth factor β (TGF-β). It has an RGD integrin-recognition motif and is a homodimer of disulfidelinked subunits. Example (precursor) from Sus scrofu: database code EGLN\_PIG, 653 amino acids (70,20 kDa).

endoglycosidase any enzyme within subclass EC 3.2. glycosidases, that hydrolyses nonterminal glycosidic linkages in oligo- or polysaccharides. Many activities of this type are

known, e.g. from Flavohucterium meningosepticum.

endohormone any hormone acting within the individual or-

ganism that produces it. Compare sctohormone.

endohydrolysis the hydrolysis, esp. by an endoenzyme, of any linkage between residues in a biopolymer. For example, endopoptideses attack neither the C-terminal nor the N-terminal peptide linkages of an oligo- or polypeptide, and andoglycosideses attack the terminal glycosidic linkages at either the reducing or nonreducing end of an oligo- or polysaccharide.